

## Money for New Jersey in Just-Passed House Funding Bill

Legislation, crafted in part by Congressman Rothman, fulfills Congress's duty to fund vital services and projects, including many in his district and throughout New Jersey

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(Washington, DC) — Today the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, which was co-authored by Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) and fellow members of the House Appropriations Committee. This legislation determines federal levels of funding for a number of federal agencies, from the Department of Transportation to the State Department.

The bill also directs funding to wide variety of local projects across the country; projects that are designed to create jobs, improve roads and transit centers, support law enforcement and increase access to healthcare and veterans services. Finally, the legislation determines the federal government's level of support for foreign aid programs.

"As a member of Congress, and especially as a member of the Appropriations Committee, one of my most important responsibilities is ensuring that we have important local programs that are funded responsibly, efficiently and effectively," said Rothman. "I'm proud to have helped create legislation that will allow the federal government to respond to the needs of New Jersey and all the American people transparently and accountably."

Rothman was successful in securing funding for many important projects in New Jersey's 9th Congressional District, including:

- Mercer Street Streetscape in Wallington, \$250,000.
- New Buses throughout Bergen County, \$974,000.
- New Jersey Transit Rail and Bus Facility Improvements throughout Northern New Jersey, \$2,550,000.
- "Homework Club" after-school program for Palisades Park School District, \$150,000.
- Renovation of a hospice facility for Holy Name Hospital in Saddle River, \$500,000.

- Renovation of the Palisades Medical Center Emergency Department in North Bergen, \$350,000.
  
- Replacement of computer hardware and software for dispatching radio system for the Cliffside Park Police Department, \$270,000.
  
- Completion of the communications portion of a new Police and Courts Facility in East Rutherford, \$500,000.
- Funding for Cops in Schools and Cops on the Street, programs that would add police patrols to reduce crime and improve security of schools in North Arlington, \$100,000.
  
- Funding to upgrade and convert video cameras in patrol cars to digital technology for Ridgefield Park Police Department, \$85,000.
  
- Upgrade to the Public Safety Radio Communication System in Bergen County, \$900,000.
  
- Upgrade to the Police and Emergency Services Communication System in Hackensack, \$200,000.
  
- Cleanup of Bayfront Brownfield site in Jersey City, \$400,000.
  
- New Lap Top Computers for Police Patrol Vehicles in Leonia, \$33,000.
  
- Classroom Technology for St. Peter's College in Jersey City, \$300,000.
  
- School Resource Officer Program to provide a police officer at the high school in Garfield, \$100,000.
  
- Autism New Jersey website to help autism patients navigate the service delivery system in New Jersey, \$100,000.
- Ohel Children's Home & Family Services At-Risk Youth and Child Abuse Prevention Program in Teaneck, \$200,000.

Additionally, at Rothman's request, the bill includes language that improves transparency and accountability at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East, commonly called UNRWA. The language requires the State Department to undertake a review of educational materials used in UNRWA schools to ensure that there are no calls for hatred or intolerance - including anti-U.S. or anti-Israel sentiments - in the textbooks.

Rothman also saw to it that the bill contains language limiting the weight of aircraft operating at Teterboro Airport, and language allocating \$16 million in funding for the Congressman's Secure Our Schools program, which provides matching federal grants for school security upgrades such as metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures.

H.R. 3288 passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 221-202 on December 10, 2009. The Conference Report is currently awaiting final passage by the U.S. Senate and is expected to be signed by the President shortly thereafter.

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